Poisonous Foods & Plants

If you feel your pet may have ingested something toxic, call a veterinarian immediately. For assistance after hours, call one of these emergency clinics:

- North Peninsula Veterinary
  Emergency Clinic
  227 North Amphlett Blvd., San Mateo
  650-348-2575

- South Peninsula Veterinary
  Emergency Clinic
  3045 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto
  650-494-1461

The following foods may be dangerous if ingested by your pet:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Alfalfa
- Almond seeds
- Apple seeds
- Apricot pits
- Avocados—toxic to birds, mice, rabbits, horses, cattle, and dairy goats
- Candy containing the sweetener Xylitol
- Cherry pits
- Chocolate
- Coffee (grounds, beans, chocolate covered espresso beans)
- Grapes
- Hops (used in home beer brewing)
- Macadamia nuts
- Moldy foods
- Mushroom plants
- Mustard seeds
- Onions and onion powder
- Peach pits
- Potato leaves and stems (green parts)
- Raisins
- Rhubarb leaves
- Salt
- Tea (caffeine)
- Tomato leaves and stems (green parts)
- Walnuts
- Yeast dough

The list of plants that may harm your pet if ingested is lengthy. These are common ones:

- Azalea
- Baby’s Breath
- Bird of Paradise
- Buttercups
- Calla Lily
- Cardboard Palm (Cycas furfuracea)
- Chrysanthemum
- Cyclamen
- Dracaena Palm
- Easter Lily
- English Ivy, Eucalyptus
- Foxglove
- many varieties of Fern
- Geranium
- Holly
- Honeysuckle
- Hyacinth
- Iris
- Lily of the valley
- Lupine
- Marigold
- Mistletoe
- Morning Glory
- Narcissus
- Oleander
- Philodendron
- Poinsettia
- Poison Ivy
- Primrose
- Rhododendron
- Rhubarb
- Rubber plant
- Sago Palm
- Sweet pea
- Skunk cabbage
- Tiger Lily
- green fruit, leaves and stems of Tomato plants
- Tulips
- Wisteria

And, please note that these household items are toxic if ingested by your pet:

- ethylene glycol (anti-freeze)
- snail bait (metaldehyde)
- any cleaning supplies
- rat/gopher poison
- any human drugs, even common ones such as non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (i.e. Motrin)